

medic stationed at the Camp Mars-Sur-Allier, one of the largest American base hospitals in Europe.

During World War I, the French village of Saint Parize le Châtel and its neighboring hamlet of Moiry was home to this 44,000-bed facility. Day and night, Sgt. De Vries and his colleagues would tend to the wounded and dying.

In war's shadow, Sgt. De Vries met Rebecca Goethe, a young French girl from a nearby town. They were married and, after the Armistice, returned to the United States to start a new life and family.

This weekend, eight decades later, the daughter of that doughboy and village girl will represent the United States at ceremonies honoring Camp Mars-Sur-Allier—and the men and women who served and died there.

On Saturday and Sunday, Lucy Duffy of Brewster, Massachusetts, will represent the United States as the Cercle Culturel d'Entraidade Généalogique dedicates a permanent exhibit to the hospital.

The people of the towns of St. Parize le Châtel and Moiry have never forgotten those who gave so unselfishly of themselves in the name of world peace. Located at the site of national cemetery where 2,000 victims of the Great War are buried, the memorial is inscribed with these moving words: Aux Américains Morts Pour la France, Le Droit et La Liberté 1916–1918 (To the Americans who died for France, Right, and Liberty).

AN AMERICAN HERO

Jim Cadigan of Hingham, Massachusetts, is a genuine American hero. Like an entire generation of Americans, he assumed the responsibility of our combat commitment in World War Two.

On February 26, 1945, Second Lieutenant Cadigan, a member of Company C, 20th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, led a platoon advancing on the German town of Zerf. Upon hearing that a second platoon had been ambushed and was pinned down by enemy fire, he charged fortified enemy positions perched on high ground and, without concern for his own safety, single-handedly wiped out two German machine gun nests.

Dozens of witnesses have testified that Lt. Cadigan killed or wounded 50 Germans and took 85 prisoners. The trapped US platoon was able to escape and reorganize, saving scores of American lives.

Without Jim Cadigan's heroism, it's likely that none of those men, or their children, would be alive today. To this day, at annual reunions, his comrades from that battlefield long ago in Zerf gather to swap old stories and meet new grandchildren; each year, his comrades travel long distances to salute a man who, quite literally, saved their lives.

Jim Cadigan is a legend in his home town of Hingham as well. This weekend, he'll serve as Grand Marshal of the Hingham Memorial Day Parade. People of all ages, from WW2 vets to elementary school kids, will have the opportunity to greet the brave soldier form down the street who has inspired such pride and respect.

HEARTS OF MEN

In cities and towns all across America, Memorial Day will be marked with parades down Main Street, patriotic speeches on the town square, backyard barbecues and Little League games in the park. In many ways, this reflects

the distinctly American values that Sgt. De Vries and Lt. Cadigan went overseas to fight to protect.

For Cadigan and Duffy families, and countless others, Memorial Day is also a time for a quiet pilgrimage to cemeteries and memorials, for personal remembrance and reflection that stand the test of time.

More than 20 centuries ago, Pericles offered a tribute to fallen Greek warriors that echoes to us through antiquity: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA THOMPSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I take this means to honor Marcia Thompson, of Lexington, MO, for being chosen as the Lexington R-5 school district's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Thompson has dutifully devoted 28 years of her life to educating America's children, the last 16 serving the youth of Lexington. She is a computer and business instructor. Mrs. Thompson was chosen at the 2001 teacher appreciation dinner, sponsored by the Lexington Lion's Club. The award's winner is chosen from the five schools in the Lexington R-5 district.

Mrs. Thompson has been a member of many organizations and received numerous awards. She has served on the Central District Business Educator's Association board as Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and President-Elect. She has also been named to Who's Who Among Missouri Business Educators.

Mr. Speaker, Marcia Thompson dedicated 28 years to educating our youth, serving with honor and distinction. As she continues her role in the development of America's future, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing her all the best.

TO HONOR OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF UPLAND, CA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JAMES P. ANDERSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Mr. James P. Anderson of Upland, California.

Mr. Anderson is the outgoing Chairman of the Board for the City of Upland Chamber of Commerce. According to his peers, Mr. Anderson has demonstrated personal and civic leadership in his role as Chairman and was actively involved in his community. He was always willing to accept multiple tasks and had a vast knowledge and experience in the Chamber's business operations and programs. Mr. Anderson showed great commitment to

serving the Chamber and was truly dedicated to serving as Chairman.

Besides serving as Chairman of the Board for the Upland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Anderson is a founding member of the Leadership Connection and an Advisory Council member for the San Bernardino County Community Credit Unions. He is also a past board member of the West End Executive Association and the United Way.

Mr. Anderson's tenure as Chairman of the Board of the Upland Chamber of Commerce brought great leadership in the development of strong economic development programs and public policy. He has achieved an impressive record of career and civic accomplishments and, in doing so, has earned the admiration and respect of those who have the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for his service to his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS REINVESTMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with my good friends SHERY BOEHLERT, MIKE CAPUANO and many other of my distinguished colleagues to introduce the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act.

Signed into law by President Nixon, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has placed more than 22,000 health care professionals in rural and urban areas across the country. Launched in 1972 to combat the growing number of communities without a health care provider, the Service Corps is a critical element of our nation's health care safety net.

The National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act of 2001 will reauthorize the National Health Service Corps for five years and increases its funding by 50 percent. In addition, this legislation amends the tax code, making the loan repayment and the scholarship program tax exempt. Today, the scholarships and loan payments are considered taxable income. This measure would eliminate the federal tax requirement on both of these programs. By cutting taxes for students and practitioners, it removes the tax burden on these health care professionals and allows more money to be reinvested into the Service Corps.

Adding needed flexibility, the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act of 2001 also establishes a demonstration project to allow the NHSC scholarship and loan repayment programs recipients to fulfill their commitment on a part-time basis.

Lastly, this legislation includes two additional measures to simplify the application process for both the National Health Service Corps and community health centers.

Today, more than 2,400 Service Corps clinicians serve in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Pacific Basin. In 1999, in my great state of New York, 240 National Health Service Corps practitioners provided essential health services to thousands of